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Applicant:	Ness et al.		
Invention:	PORTABLE FOOD CONTAINER HAVING SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS		

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Amendment

- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment to the application.
- ☒ A check covering the excess claims fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d) in the amount of \$695 as calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # Prev. Paid For.	No. Extra Claims Present	Rate	Add'l Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	67 -	27 =	40	x 9.00	\$360.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	3 =	5	x 39.00	\$195.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					\$140.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$695.00

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Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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